



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tornier, Alain  
Appl. No. : 10/730,276  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : PROCESS FOR THE STERILE PACKAGING OF A PROSTHETIC  
IMPLANT MADE OF POLYETHYLENE

Grp./A.U. : 1744  
Examiner : McKane, Elizabeth L.

Docket No.: 14542

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a one -month extension of time, until August 26, 2006, be granted in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated April 25, 2006. The statutory fee of \$60.00 for the one-month extension is attached. Any deficiencies in the extension of time fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1577.

Respectfully submitted,

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